

INFORMATION GUIDE

Ayuda, 2017

ODISHA STUDENTS' ALLIANCE FOR SECURING LEGAL AID AND
ACCESS TO JUSTICE

ABOUT THE EVENT

The Legal Aid Society, National Law University Odisha is proud to present ‘Ayuda, 2017’- *“Odisha Students’ Alliance for Securing Legal Aid and Access to Justice”*, a legal aid conclave for Law Colleges from across Odisha over three days from the 21st of March to the 23rd of March, 2017.

We believe that the object of legal aid can be achieved through greater collaboration between the Law Colleges. The objective of the fest is to enhance students’ participation in legal aid initiatives in even the most remote places in Odisha. It is only with the aid of dedicated volunteers can we achieve the Constitutional dream of Legal Aid for the marginalized and hence we urge you to be a part of this event, so that we may achieve this dream together.

The conclave is not only aimed at providing a platform to colleges across Odisha to share their ideas and experiences in the field of legal aid and education but also to learn and understand the best practices they can employ in furthering the cause of legal aid.

The three day event will comprise of workshops, training sessions, discussions, competitions and a field visit to a Legal Aid Clinic run by National Law University Odisha in collaboration with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

We hope that this conclave will be a step toward greater participation and will flag off the collaboration program for a legal aid program with greater reach and access.

GENERAL INFORMATION

DATES OF THE CONCLAVE:

21st March to 23rd March, 2017

VENUE:

National Law University Odisha, Kathajodi Campus, Sec – 13,CDA, Cuttack– 753015, Odisha (India)

LAST DATE FOR APPLICATION:

The Last date to apply for the same is 10th March, 2017.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Please find the Invitation Letter for 'Ayuda, 2017', Brochure for the Legal Aid Program of National Law University Odisha, Registration form, travel form and posters with event details enclosed herewith. To register for the event you will be required to confirm your participation by filling in the appropriate details on the participation form, travel form and sending it across on any one of the following channels:

Email: legalaids@nluo.ac.in

Scan and attach the forms to an email to confirm your registration

Post:

To

The Legal Aid Society,

National Law University Odisha,

Sector-13, C.D.A.

Cuttack-753015

Note: The contingents are required to send only the registration details by 10th March 2017 and only upon confirmation of the 10 participating colleges to be selected on first come first serve basis the travel forms etc are required to be sent.

REGISTRATION FEES:

The registration provided will be provisional and will be made final subject to the payment of Rs. 100/- per individual member participant upon registration at National Law University Odisha on the 21st of March.

However, registration fee for colleges located in the KBK (Koraput, Bolangir and Kalahandi) districts has been waived.

TEAM COMPOSITION

Each team shall comprise of six participants and one faculty member. Only Bona fide students pursuing a three year or five year LL.B. degree or an L.L.M. degree from an institution are allowed.

The teams are required to nominate two students for participating in the *nukkad natak* competition, two students for the Quiz Competition and two students for 'Pro-bono', the Mediation Competition. The details of the students nominated must be mentioned in the registration form. Thus, a total of six student participants and one faculty member must be named in the **Participation Form**

Upon confirmation, students are requested to carry their id-cards with them when they come to participate.

EVENTS UNDER THE CONCLAVE

1. Workshop on Nukkad Natak

Nukkad Nataks and other forms of skit are common used in legal literacy camps for greater influence. Recognizing the relevance and potential of *nukkad natak* as a medium of mass communication, we intend to have experienced artists and coaches to train students on how to prepare and perform *nukkad nataks* that are socially relevant. At the end of the event, the students registering for the *nukkad natak* will be performing and witnessing a *nukkad natak* at a Legal Literacy Camps at Dompada village.

Team: 2 members. Students participating in the same will be required to carry one set kurta (black preferably) for the event.

2. Round table discussion for Faculty members

Our aim is to facilitate faculty members of different colleges to interact on the importance of clinical legal education in the law courses and to discuss the methodologies for promoting the spirit of legal aid among the students. The discussion would include a presentation by the instructors and students of the clinical legal education course of our college with our Vice-Chancellor and other faculty members sharing insights and ideas for successfully conducting such a course in the curricula.

3. Workshop on RTI

RTI is a powerful tool in the hands of the common person. This workshop is aimed at teaching the students the nuances of the Right to Information Act, 2005 and to understand the drafting of RTI's and their effective use.

4. Legal Literacy Camp to Dompada Legal Aid Clinic

The camp is aimed at is to give the students and faculty a tour of the clinic at Dampada. This will give them an insight as to how we conduct our camps. We will have the student participants perform a *nukkad natak* on a relevant theme and follow that with an interaction of the participants with the community.

THE COMPETITIONS

1. 'Kanoon' the Legal Quiz

General Rules

- 1) Only team entries are eligible.
- 2) Each participating college may send only one team for the quiz. A team shall consist of two persons.
- 3) Replacement of any participant of a team is not allowed after registration.

Preliminary Round

- 1) Each team shall be posed 20 multiple choice questions and 5 subjective questions.
- 2) Each question shall be answered within 30 seconds.
- 3) 4 teams shall qualify for Final Rounds.
- 4) The selected teams shall have to appear for the final round.

Final Round

Round 1 :

- 1) A multiple choice question shall be asked to a team and if they fail to answer, it shall be passed to the next team.
- 2) Each team shall be asked 4 questions each.
- 3) 10 marks shall be awarded for the correct answer and 5 marks shall be deducted for each wrong answer.
- 4) If a team fails to answer a question, they can pass it to the next team.
- 5) Each question must be answered within 60 seconds and a passed question must be answered within 30 seconds.

Round 2: Rapid Fire Round

- 1) Each team shall be asked 10 questions one after another in 100 seconds.
 - 2) 10 marks shall be awarded for the correct answer and 5 marks shall be deducted for each wrong answer.
 - 3) Each question must be answered within 10 seconds.
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- 4) If a team fails to answer a question, they can say pass for the next question. The question shall not be forwarded to the next team.

Round 3 – Buzzer Round

- 1) A question shall be fired & the team who presses the buzzer first gets to answer first.
- 2) 10 marks shall be awarded for the correct answer and 5 marks shall be deducted for each wrong answer or if team fails to answer after they press the buzzer.
- 3) If a team fails to answer a question, it shall be passed to the audience.
- 4) Each question must be answered within 30 seconds.

Round 4-Audio-Visual Round

- 1) Teams shall be presented audio and/or visual clips along with a question related to the clips.
- 2) 10 marks shall be awarded for the correct answer and 5 marks shall be deducted for each wrong answer.
- 3) Each team shall be asked 2 audio and/or visual questions.
- 4) Each question shall be answered within 30 seconds.
- 5) If a team fails to answer a question, it shall be passed to the audience.

Note: In case of a tie, there shall be a tie-breaker round.

2. Pro-bono, the Mediation Competition

1. Objective of the Competition:

One of the most important tasks of a person involved in Legal-aid work is to interact with the community and they are often required to counsel people regarding their legal problems. There are several aspects to this. They must be able to understand the problem in all its dimensions. Further, they are required to present a workable solution or some recourse. This competition is meant to give the participants an experience of the process. The participants will be presented with a practical problem, to which they will be required to come up with workable solutions.

2. The format of the Competition

The competition will be held in 3 stages, with a **Preliminary** round where each participating college will participate with two members representing the college. This will be followed by a **Semi-final** round, where the four top-scoring teams of the preliminary rounds will qualify. The two top-scoring teams from the Semi-final round will proceed to the **Finals**.

3. The procedure for the Mediation Session

A. The consultation stage:

The Mediation Session will consist of the two participant Mediators being presented with a practical problem. The problem will be narrated by two non-participant volunteers acting as clients. The objective of the mediators should be to gain an understanding of the situation and problem narrated. The Mediators may ask questions and clarifications in the process to have a better understanding of the problems.

B. The solution stage

On the basis of the problem presented, the Mediators will have to come up with a solution that could solve the dispute. The solution could be arrived at through a consultative process with contributions of the clients. The objective would be to present a solution that is acceptable to both clients.

4. Time period of the Sessions

The **Preliminary Round** will be for a total of 15 minutes per Session. The **Semi-Final** and **Final Rounds** will be for a total of 30 minutes per Session. This period includes the consultation stage and the solution stage.

5. Judging Criteria For Mediator

- (i) **Communication Skills:** Ability to advance solution, while recognizing the interests of both the parties.
- (ii) **Body Language:** Mannerisms and bearings of the mediator. Use of proper, appropriate language.
- (iii) **Coordination between the mediators:** Since both the mediators in a mediation session will be from different universities, this criterion assesses cooperative skills of the mediators.
- (iv) **Analysis of the Relevant Interests:** The mediator's ability to learn about the client's goals and initial expectations and modify or develop them as necessary, giving attention to all aspects of the problem, including the emotional ones.
- (v) **Logical consistency:** Knowledge of law will not be the criteria. The participants will be expected to impart solution basing on logic and sense.
- (vi) **Overall Enactment:** Adaptability to the character of the mediator and maintaining consistency in portraying mediator's disposition. Use of appropriate gestures and expressions. General enactment skills.

6. Penalties For Rule Breaking And Powers To Take Additional Measures

- (i) Any violation of these rules shall lead to immediate disqualification of the participant from the competition.
- (ii) For any variation in this regard or in case of ambiguity, the decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final.
- (iii) The Organizing Committee is empowered to take such other measures as are required for the orderly conduct of the Competition.

There are attractive cash prizes and trophies up for grabs at the competitions.

ACCOMMODATION

Selected ten college participating students and faculty who require accommodation during the duration of the conclave are required to fill the Travel and accommodation form and required to send it to the organizers by **13th March, 2017**.

Accommodation and Food for the participating students and faculty will be provided free of cost during the conclave.

TRAVEL

Transport will be provided to the participants from to and fro to the venue and accommodation during the conclave.

Note: Pick up or drop off will not be provided to from the Railway Station or any other place to the place of accommodation; the participants are required to make arrangements for the same. The organisers may however make suitable arrangements for the teams on request during late hours if need be. The NLUO Legal Aid Society will in no way be responsible for the payment of charges etc. in such cases.

CLARIFICATIONS

Any clarification to be sought regarding the events need to be addressed via email to legalaid@nluo.ac.in

Queries may also be directed to Convenor and Co-Convenor of the Legal Aid Society, NLUO

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EVENTS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event
Day 1	8:00-9:30	Breakfast
	9:30-10:00	Registration
	10:00-11:00	Inauguration
	11:00-11:30	Tea
	11:30-13:30	Round Table Conference
	13:30- 14:30	Lunch
	14:30-16:30	Workshop on <i>Nukkad Natak</i> Preliminary Rounds for Quiz Round table for Faculty
	16:30-17:00	Tea
	17:00-19:00	Documentary Screening and Cultural performance Pro Bono Preliminary Rounds
	19:00-20:00	Dinner
Day 2	08:30-10:00	Breakfast
	10:30-12:30	Workshop on How To Run a Legal Aid Clinic
	13:00-14:00	Lunch
	14:00-16:30	Workshop on RTI
	16:30-17:00	Tea
	17:00-19:00	Final Rounds of Quiz Final Rounds of Pro-Bono Competition
	19:30-20:30	<i>Zaika</i> : Food Fest

Day 3	08:00-09:00	Breakfast
	08:00-12:30	Camp to Dompada Clinic
	13:00-14:30	Lunch
	15:00-17:00	Closing Ceremony
	17:00-17:30	Tea